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SUBJECT: IRAQ TAKES WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE TOWARD CARTER ADMINISTRATION

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE BAGHDAD OBSERVER OF JANUARY 20 HAD
ARTICLE BY "THE POLITICAL SECTION" ON PRESIDENT CARTER
AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. ARTICLE, WHICH
PROBABLY INTENDED FOR OUR CONSUMPTION, WAS NOTABLE FOR
ITS BLANDNESS. EVEN ON SUBJECT OF U.S. MIDDLE-EAST
POLICY, WHERE IRAQI MEDIA IS SELDOM RESTRAINED, THE
ARTICLE DID NOT GO BEYOND QUOTING THE PRESIDENT'S STATE-
MENT THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONTINUE AID TO ISRAEL TO ENABLE
HER TO SEARCH FOR PEACE FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH,
COMMENTING THAT THIS SHOWS THE PRESIDENT'S "FULL AND
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UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT OF ISRAEL."

2. A CONTRASTING LINE WAS TAKEN BY THE ARABIC
LANGUAGE DAILY, AL-IRAQ, WHICH PREDICTED ON JAN.
22 THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD FOLLOW POLICIES
ON "MONOPOLISTIC COMPANIES", WOULD BE MILITARISTIC
AND WOULD SPONSOR MIDDLE EAST POLICIES CALCULATED

TO DIVIDE THE ARAB COUNTRIES. AL-IRAQ IS A MINOR
NEWSPAPER RUN BY PRO-REGIME KURDS WHO ARE GENERALLY
WITHOUT INFLUENCE. ITS ANTI-US LINE IS PROBABLY
A REFLEX ACTION, AND WE DOUBT THAT IT HAS MUCH
SIGNIFICANCE. HOWEVER, FACT THAT IRAQ NEWS AGENCY
CARRIED A SUMMARY OF THE EDITORIAL SUGGESTS THAT
GOI IS COVERING ITS FLANK AGAINST ANY CHARGE THAT
IT HAS TURNED SOFT ON THE USG.

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